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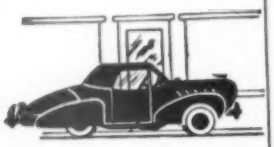

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News From The Front

By James G. K. McClure

Picnic Schedule

SEE your old friends and meet new friends at the Farmers Federation picnics this summer. These picnics have become great good-will and friendship meetings. The Farmers Federation is like a big family. We will have some top entertainment this year. "Pan Handle Pete" will be with us with a new act, the Farmers Federation String Band will be at every picnic, and Patsy Messer, the acrobat, will be with us. It looks like the best lineup for picnics that we have ever had.

Mr. McClure

It's getting time to fatten up that old rooster and prepare to bring a big dinner to the Farmers Federation Picnic. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, July 4: Yancey County, Burnsville High School.
Saturday, July 5: Swain County, Bryson City High School.
Friday, July 11: Clay County, Hayesville High School.
Saturday, July 12: Cherokee County, Murphy High School.
Wednesday, July 16: Polk County, Stearns School.
Thursday, July 17: Buncombe County, Recreation Park, Asheville.
Saturday, July 19: Macon County, Franklin High School.
Tuesday, July 22 (Night): Transylvania County, Brevard High School.
Saturday, July 26: Jackson County: Sylva High School.
Wednesday, July 30: McDowell County, Old Fort High School.
Saturday, August 2: Burke County, Salem School.
Wednesday, August 6: Rutherford County, Forest City High School.
Saturday, August 9: Mitchell County, Harris High School, Spruce Pine.
Tuesday, August 12 (Night): Caldwell County, East Harper School, Lenoir.
Saturday, August 16: Haywood County, East Waynesville School.
Saturday, August 23 (Night): Henderson County, Hendersonville High School.

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Big Picnic Prizes

THREE big cash prizes are offered this year for talent at the Farmers Federation picnics. These prizes are offered for the best entertainment acts at any of the picnics and will be awarded after all the picnics are over. The prize for the act which in the opinion of the judges is the best act is $100.00, second prize $50.00, and third prize $25.00.

This year we also announce that winners of the first prize in previous years will not be eligible for this competition.

It certainly will pay musicians, singers, ventriloquists, acrobats and special performers in all the counties of Western North Carolina to work up good acts for the Farmers Federation picnics. Someone is going to win these three big cash prizes.

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Commercial Egg Program Launched

THIS new project may be the biggest project ever launched by the Farmers Federation. It may mean more to the farm people of Western North Carolina than any program the Federation has yet sponsored. This program should bring hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers of Western North Carolina.

At the present time the Southeastern States do not commence to supply themselves with eggs. Hundreds of carloads of eggs are shipped in from the West and North to supply the Southeastern States.

The Farmers Federation has built up and established the beginnings of a great broiler industry and a great hatching egg industry. We now propose to try to capture this market for commercial eggs in the Southeastern States. This is the biggest possibility that there is ahead of the farmers of Western North Carolina.

Within the next few months we hope that farmers will place at least 25,000 laying hens on their farms for this commercial program and sign them up with the Farmers Federation. This, we hope, will be sufficient to enable us to start shipping a trailer load of eggs per week out of this territory.

We have already tried out the market, shipping two big trailer loads of top quality eggs, and we find the demand extremely good. For this program no flock should be less than 500 hens. And it probably would be best to have at least 1,000 hens in a flock. If you are interested in getting into this project, please see or write Frank Woodard or Perry Greene at the Farmers Federation, Asheville, N. C.

The production type of hen on which this program will be based should net the farmer an average of two to three dollars per bird clear profit above feed costs. There is an immense market ahead of us on this commercial egg program.

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What Is The Driving Force Toward A Better Civilization?

CHRISTIANITY is the driving force behind the progress of our civilization. Are we making use of that fact today? Are we putting Christian ideas to work in this world? Much of the suffering of millions of displaced persons in the world, much of the cruelty of the concentration camps, much of the ruthless oppression going on in many lands is due to the fact that we are not putting Christian ideas to work.

The idea of the brotherhood of man was not something new when Jesus came into the world. It is the teaching of the first two chapters of the Book of Genesis. What is new in the teaching of Jesus is that He lifts the fact of human brotherhood to the level of intention. His teaching is that we must actually make human brotherhood a working relationship. It is not just a nice idea to talk about.

When we look at it this way, we realize that we are a long way from really getting to work to make human brotherhood today a really active brotherly relationship. The teaching of Jesus is important because it defines the purpose—not because it defines a set of ideas about the world and not because it defines a way of life that men might live or ought to live. Many other religions have beautiful ideals of life, but Jesus insisted that we determine to translate these ideals into workable action.

We talk loosely about freedom and liberty, but remember these are just ideas until we try to put them into actual working order.

Beautiful ideals and beautiful ideas are easy to talk about. The tough thing is to put these ideas into everyday working operation and working achievement in this rough and rugged world. We must not let our consciences be dulled by dwelling on beautiful ideas and feeling that is all we have to do. We must get these ideals into action. Remember, whatever dulls the conscience of the individual endangers our liberty. Jesus lifts the vision and idea of human brotherhood to the level of intention. He intended to make it work, and all true Christianity since then has intended to make it work, and that is the driving force that has kept our civilization improving. Individual working with determination to actually achieve the brotherhood of mankind is the only way we can keep improving this world.

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Trade With The Farmers Federation And Build Markets

THE farmer needs markets. That's what you hear on all sides. Before the farmer can become prosperous he must have markets.

Did you ever stop and think that when you trade with the Farmers Federation you are building markets? Any little profit made on your trade goes into building markets for all of the farmers in Western North Carolina. Before the Farmers Federation started there was no place in Western North Carolina where a farmer could sell a truck load of poultry, no place he could sell any hatching eggs, and no place he could sell burley tobacco.

Today when you drive up to a Federation Warehouse with three or four thousand broilers, the Farmers Federation will take them right off your hands. Last week our marketing department in Asheville dressed and sold 45,000 broilers. That's the biggest week we've ever had, but just see how we

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Six Essential Steps To Freezing Vegetables

BY MRS. JULIA KIENE

The first step in the home freezing of a vegetable suitable for freezing is scalding which is shown above in the processing of string beans. Do not scald more than one pound of vegetables at a time. (Photo courtesy of Westinghouse.)

As soon as the vegetable for home freezing is scalded, plunge it into icy water as shown above in the processing of string beans. Chilling in water filled with ice cubes can be in a sink, as shown, or in a large pan. (Photo courtesy of Westinghouse.)

THERE are only six steps in the freezing of vegetables but all six are essential for satisfactory results. These include gathering, cleaning, scalding, cooling, packaging and freezing.

Vegetables should be gathered in the cool of the morning when dew is gone and only those which are in prime condition for table use should be selected. Picking at night and holding in the refrigerator until the next day is not advisable.

Gather only as many vegetables as can be completely processed and placed in the freezer within a two-hour period. If you do not raise your own vegetables, those secured from local gardens or nearby farms will be satisfactory for freezing, if freshly picked. If vegetables are bought on the open market, always arrange to get them within an hour or two after picking, because vegetables which have stood for longer periods will not be as tender or as nutritive when frozen.

Vegetables are prepared for freezing in much the same manner as for cooking. They should be washed carefully and thoroughly, sorted for size and any inferior vegetables eliminated. Size sorting of many vegetables permits product uniformity by scalding by size and makes better packing easier.

Steam Scalding

Steam scalding is the preferred method for most vegetables because it preserves more vitamins and minerals. Any large utensil which has a tight-fitting cover is satisfactory to use. Place a rack on the bottom of the utensil and add sufficient water to keep the utensil from going dry, but not enough to reach the vegetables. Keep this water boiling vigorously during the entire scalding period.

Water Bath Scalding

Water bath scalding may be used for most vegetables but it is recommended only for a certain few because this method dissipates vitamins. Use an electric range deep well cooker or large utensil with tight-fitting lid. Use sufficient boiling water, at least a gallon, so when the vegetables are added the water temperature will not drop more than ten degrees.

Place vegetables in fine mesh wire basket or loosely tie in cheesecloth. Immerse in the rapidly boiling water and cover at once. Count scalding time from the moment the vegetables are placed in the boiling water.

Cool Quickly

Immediately after scalding, cool all vegetables quickly with ice water. The best way is to have the sink or a large pan filled with ice water. Leave vegetables in the basket, colander or cheesecloth used during scalding. Immerse it and contents in the ice water and keep moving back and forth to speed the cooling period.

Drain vegetables thoroughly after cooling. Moisture clinging to the vegetables when packed will cause excess ice crystals and make it difficult to break apart the frozen pack when ready to cook.

Select sizes of packages and bags suited to the size of your family. A pint carton or bag will yield three large servings or four small servings of most vegetables. A quart container will yield six to eight servings.

Containers larger than pints or quarts are not recommended for average size families. They waste space in the storage and freezing compartment. If contents are not eaten at one meal, food may be wasted because it is not advisable to refreeze vegetables once thawed.

Any glass canning jars may be used, but most of them do not fit into the home freezer as advantageously as paper cartons or bags. Special glass jars are now available for freezing and are more economical of space.

Plain tin cans, which can be sealed airtight, may also be used for most vegetables. Exceptions are asparagus and New Zealand spinach, which require enamel or lacquer-lined cans. Leave one inch of head space for expansion in tin cans.

Make Airtight

Make packages airtight. When using cardboard cartons with liners of cellophane, pliofilm or polythene, seal the liners with heat. A thermostatically controlled hand iron turned to the lowest setting is excellent. If the hand iron is not available, use a curling iron, electric or flame-heated.

Press the edges of the bag down once. If sealing cellophane, press iron over the edge that is folded down. If sealing either pliofilm or polythene bags, the bags must be protected by using a piece of heavy wrapping paper or cardboard between the bag and the iron.

When the package is filled, place immediately in home freezer. Never allow filled package to stand at room temperature while waiting for another package to be filled. Place the filled packages on the refrigerator shalf of the freezing compartment and spread the packages out evenly. After 24 hours in the freezing compartment, the packages may be transferred to the storage compartment.

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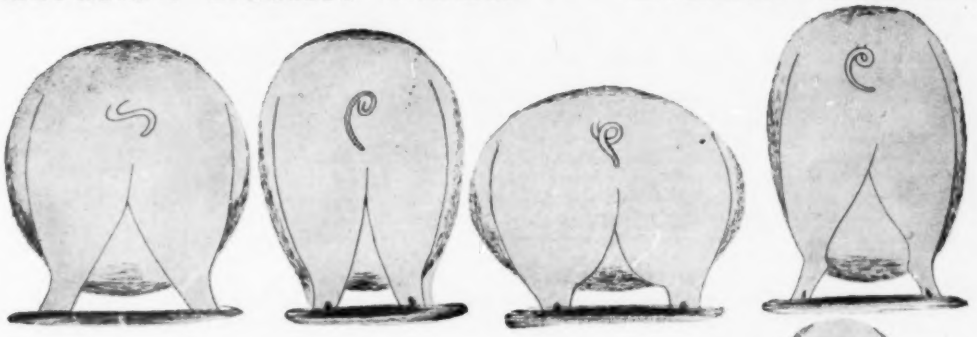

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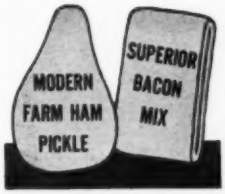

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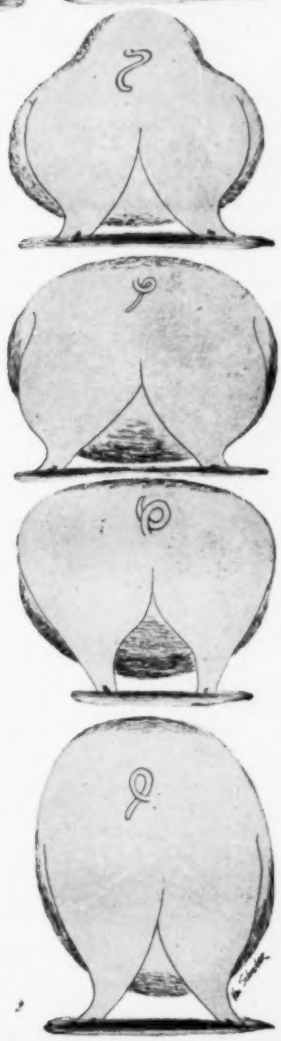

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Schools and Colleges of W.N.C. Offer A Variety of Courses

JULY is the time of year when the young people of Western North Carolina start looking forward to and planning their next year at school. There are several four-year colleges and two-year colleges in Western North Carolina and also many schools that offer specialized training. These schools offer an excellent opportunity for students to get a higher education and still stay close to home. A lot of these schools and colleges have programs that allow the students to work their way through. Some of the colleges and specialized schools of Western North Carolina are listed in this issue.

The oldest junior college in Western North Carolina is Mars Hill College located in the heart of the Smokies. This is a Baptist-sponsored school and has provided Christian education on a co-educational basis for the past 95 years. Hoyt Blackwell, D.D., is president of the college.

Brevard College, at Brevard, was organized years ago in a merger of Rutherford and Weaver Colleges. The college is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the University Senate of the Methodist Church, and the North Carolina Department of Education. Full information on the college may be obtained by writing the Director of Admission.

Another fine college of Western North Carolina is Montreat College situated near Black Mountain in a beautiful setting of forests and lakes. Montreat College and Montreat Preparatory School for Girls were built by Presbyterians as a part of their religious and educational program in the large and attractive conference grounds at Montreat, known as "The Home of the Southern Presbyterian Church." Montreat's climate is near ideal; an altitude of 2,600 to 5,600 feet means cool breezes in the summer and winter enough for the enjoyment of winter sports. Montreat in Western North Carolina, famed for its beauty of scenery, surrounded by mountains, is one of the picturesque and delightful places in America.

Warren Wilson Junior College, Swannanoa, is an accredited school offering courses in academic, vocational and Christian education. Here students are encouraged to work in the school to earn part or all of their tuition. Warren Wilson offers such special courses to young people as dairying, farm management, electricity, auto mechanics, and building construction. Arthur W. Bannerman is president, and information may be obtained by Henry W. Jensen, dean. Warren Wilson Junior College is owned and operated by the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Appalachian State College located at Boone, N. C., is a four-year co-educational teachers' college. It offers the Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees. Appalachian has the largest summer enrollment of teachers in the State.

Asheville and vicinity has many excellent day schools for students wishing to board out or who live near enough to travel back and forth. A few of these are listed. Blanton's Business College, whose motto is "Job Getting Courses," offers fine business courses in Accounting, Secretarial Science, Stenography, Office Machine Operation, Motor Traffic Management.

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have developed a market for broilers.

Last year, the Farmers Federation paid the farm people of Western North Carolina more than $4,800,000.00 for things grown on the farm and wages necessary to process and handle them. This is a lot of new money being distributed in Western North Carolina. Whenever you trade with the Farmers Federation you are helping to build these markets. The more you trade with the Federation and the more you persuade others to trade the bigger and better markets we can develop for what we can grow on the farms of Western North Carolina. Trade with the Farmers Federation and help yourself to build markets.

Another Dividend Declared

THE directors of the Farmers Federation have declared a dividend on all outstanding stock in the Farmers Federation payable on July 1 to stockholders of record of June 20. This means that $30,000.00 will go out to the members of the Farmers Federation on July 1. Our members will be interested to know that this is the thirty-ninth consecutive dividend that has been paid by the Farmers Federation.

The Farmers Federation, if it has a successful year, pays dividends to its members' stock twice a year—July 1 and January 1. This makes the thirty-ninth consecutive dividend which has been paid by the Farmers Federation.

Joseph Higdon Elected Treasurer

THE directors of the Farmers Federation have elected Joseph Higdon as Treasurer of the Farmers Federation. Mr. Higdon has been with the Farmers Federation 13 years and heads up the Bookkeeping Department and the Office. He has handled the growing financial problems of the Farmers Federation well. His office handles all the stock records of 27,000 stockholders. Also, he has been in charge of the Farmers Federation's part in the Government Support Program for burley tobacco in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Higdon

Mr. Higdon has been assistant treasurer of the Farmers Federation for the past four years.

Ray Fender Manager At Old Fort

WE trust that our McDowell County members will drop in and give a warm welcome to Ray Fender as manager of the Old Fort Warehouse. You will find that Ray Fender knows the business of the Farmers Federation and is ready and anxious to take care of the needs of our members. He has considerable experience with the Farmers Federation, and you will find him courteous and accommodating.

Farm Implement Field Man

BRITT Hogan, who has been managing our Old Fort Warehouse, has been promoted to be farm implement field man. Mr. Hogan is thoroughly acquainted with farm machinery and we are sure that his help and advice will be a great aid to our members who want to start mechanizing their farms. He will cover McDowell, Burke, Rutherford and Caldwell Counties.

Don't hesitate to call for Britt Hogan if you are interested in any kind of farm equipment.

Maxine Sims Wins $100.00

MAXINE Sims, of Waynesville, won the $100.00 prize in the Western North Carolina Junior Dairy Show last fall on a heifer with the highest expectation of butterfat. The butterfat index of the sire of this calf was 533. The average of three records of the dam of this calf is 526 pounds of butterfat. The expectation of this calf will therefore be 530 pounds of butterfat. This is the kind of heifer on which a profitable dairy enterprise can be built. We congratulate Miss Maxine Sims on winning this important prize.

Maxine Sims is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sims. Mr. Ed Sims has developed a high producing herd of Holsteins. His herd average last year was over 11,000 pounds of milk. His cow, Lakeside Vale Imperial Cornflower, made a 12 months' record (two-time milking) of 22,300 pounds of milk and 680 pounds butterfat.

Prizes For Trucks At The Picnics

AT each picnic, for the largest truckload **over 25:** first prize, $5.00; second prize, $3.00; third prize, $2.00.

Should any of above loads be over 50, the prize will be doubled.

Also, there will be a grand prize awarded at the end of the picnic season for the largest truckload at all of our picnics: first prize, $25.00; second prize, $15.00.

Drivers will need to see their people the day before so they will be down on the road and can be picked up.

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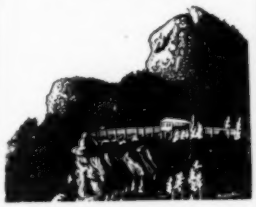

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Garden Notes

By Mrs. C. C. Proffitt - Asheville Garden Club

JULY is vacation time to many of us and also, the beginning of neglected gardens for some of us.

In the early spring, we start off the season very enthusiastically, but as hot weather comes, and with it, the desire to take life easy, our enthusiasm wanes when we have to cope with some of the mid-season ills as drought, weeds and insects. As a result, many gardens get out of hand, and become neglected the rest of the season.

Has midsummer slowed the performance you expected to get from your plants and lawn all season? If so there are things you can do without too much effort to keep them growing as you planned.

Probably mulching your plants or borders will cut down work more than any one thing, since it keeps down weeds, eliminates cultivation and prevents water loss from evaporation. This was suggested in last month's notes in anticipation of the hot summer season ahead, when the need for it is greater.

However, if there is a prolonged dry season, some watering will be necessary — a thorough soaking once a week instead of daily sprinkling as is so often practiced. To do this, take nozzle off hose and let water run slowly and soak deeply. If you have a canvas soil soaker, the job will be easier to do, but, if not, it has been suggested as a substitute that you tie a canvas glove over the end of your hose and place it 10 inches from base of your plants. Let stand until soil is soaked trowel-blade depth before moving.

Cultivate Lightly

In case you have not mulched, and the soil needs cultivating or weeding, go at it very lightly, for from this time on, there should be very light digging around plants as their roots have spread and are very near the surface. Keep your hoe high and away from plants. In case of weeds, run blade just below the soil surface to cut them, for reckless soil cultivation damages tiny root hairs and causes set-backs in plant growth.

To keep things growing as you planned and looking their best, it will be necessary not only to keep up your regular spraying or dusting program but to step up the campaign against blackspot of roses, mildew and other diseases as well as insect pests. This will be the season when the Japanese beetles will begin to swoop down upon your Roses in hordes and the battle is on. So far, there seems to be no "cure-all" for these pests in the way of sprays or dusts—most gardeners resorting to the hand and bottle method of picking them off. I was interested in a method used by a gardener in Connecticut in which she reported that she had no beetles on Roses planted among her perennial herbs of blue hyssop and sage, whether it was the pungent odor of the herbs that kept them away, she did not know, but it was an experiment worth trying again. She suggested planting some low herbs like Marjoram, Rue or English Thyme as a low border for your rose bed.

Extra Feedings

Then, since midsummer brings a slowing up of available plant nutrients — unless the soil was well supplied at the beginning of the season with plenty of organic matter—it will be necessary to give extra feedings to certain plants, especially Chrysanthemums and Dahlias, which will be putting on their main show in the fall. Liquid feeding, using a high analysis fertilizer, is the most efficient and least expensive method—using little and often. However, a low analysis fertilizer like 5-10-5 may be applied dry around the plant, scratched in, and water applied.

Besides these operations of watering, spraying and feeding, a general going over or tidying up of the garden at this season will help its general apperance more than anything. Old spent plants like poppies, larkspur and poppies need to be pulled up and spaces filled with quick-blooming annuals. Head blooms and flower stalks should be cut off, plants fed and cultivated to induce a second bloom.

Take Stock

But most important of all in this middle-season month, is to take stock of our gardening operations, looking both, backward, present and forward; while spring is still quite fresh in our minds, we can make note of changes and additions that should be made in the garden this fall.

This month of July, therefore, is the ideal time for thinking about what's to be done in each of our own gardens, even if it is too hot to go in for very much active gardening.

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Home Freezing of Meats

BY VERNA L. MILLER

WHILE freezing does not improve the quality of meat, it may slightly increase the tenderness. For best freezing and storing results, meat should be wrapped and either heat-sealed or lock-sealed in moisture-vaporproof material which is odor-free. For example, cellophane with locker paper or cellophane with stockinette may be used with excellent results. Good quality beef, properly wrapped, may be kept satisfactorily for a year.

Meats may be boned for easier wrapping. Boned meat also requires less storage space. But boning does not improve quality.

Variety meats, such as brains, heart, liver, tongue, and sweetbreads, freeze and keep surprisingly well. Freeze in family-size cartons or packages so that it will not be necessary to thaw more than is needed at one time. Wrap well so that moisture and flavor are not lost through the freezing and storage period.

Ham And Bacon

If ham and bacon are to be kept several weeks or longer, they will keep better frozen than by any other method of preservation. Such meats which have a large amount of fat and where salt is used in processing have a tendency to rancidity thus limiting the storage period. Because smoked meats also have a tendency to dry out, make sure that ham and bacon are properly wrapped and packaged to prevent undesirable drying during freezing and storing. Package in quantities that will be used at one time and eliminate the necessity of thawing more than is needed.

Thawing and then refreezing causes loss of quality. Frozen meat may be kept as long as it remains frozen. When it is thawed, it is better to use as soon as possible. Meat when thawed is more susceptible to spoilage than that which has not been frozen at all.

Hints For Freezing Equipment

For long-time storage, all frozen foods must be kept at zero F. or below. If you do not know how cold your home freezer or refrigerator freezing compartment is, it would be well to have the temperature checked by a reliable refrigeration service man. In this way you can be sure that your cabinet is maintaining the proper temperature.

The time to defrost your home freezer also varies. When heavy coatings of frost have formed on the interior of the freezing and storage compartment, it is time to defrost. The amount of frost varies in proportion to the use of the cabinet and climatic conditions which explains how impractical a given time for defrosting would be. You may find it necessary to defrost once a year, once in two years, or maybe more often.

Defrosting a home freezer is accomplished by scraping frost off the interior surface with a smooth, hard wooden paddle or fiber brush. It is not done by melting it off as you do in your household refrigerator. If, during some season of the year you have very few packages in your freezer, you may wish to remove them and wrap them thoroughly to prevent thawing, cut off the current, and give your home freezer a thorough cleaning. However, this is rarely necessary if the frost is brushed or scraped off and not allowed to accumulate.

With these few general rules and helpful hints, you should have no trouble learning how to freeze vegetables and meats at home. You'll be surprised how easy it really is and how much variety and enoyment home-frozen foods can add to your meals.

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Horn In The West

Kermit Hunter

THIRTY-THREE hundred feet up in the towering peaks of Watauga County, North Carolina, a new outdoor drama opened for its first performance on June 27, taking its place as Number Six in these thrilling historical dramas which have made such a vast impression in recent years on the American theatre.

Horn In The West is written by Kermit Hunter, author of the famous Cherokee Indian drama, **Unto These Hills**, which is now in its third season a half-day's drive west in the Great Smokies, and of **Forever This Land**, the Lincoln play, now in its second season at New Salem State Park in Central Illinois. The other three great dramas are by Paul Green: **The Lost Colony**, at Manteo, N. C.; **The Common Glory**, Williamsburg, Va.; and **Faith Of Our Fathers**, Washington, D. C.

Like the other plays, **Horn In The West** is a product of the people's need for expression, a story and a play growing out of the history of a certain locality, and backed by local business men who feel that through the medium of summer entertainment they can not only help preserve the history of their area, but also draw into their region a steady flow of tourist traffic.

The new play at Boone, N. C., is a study of the forces which shaped the Appalachian Highlands and the mountain culture of Eastern America during the period of the Revolution. It tells of the deep struggles in the minds of many loyal Englishmen who were faced with the problem of taking sides against their motherland. It tells of the ideals and the aspirations of the early pioneers who moved out from the coastal settlements and into the mountains to the west, where, in Mr. Hunter's words, they "seemed to hear the horn of freedom blowing in the west."

Pictured above are the Directors of "The Horn Of The West." Back Row, reading from left to right: Clyde R. Greene, Alfred Adams, W. R. Wrinkler, and Grover C. Robinson. Front Row: Russell Hodges, Wade E. Brown, Herman Wilcox, Stanely A. Harris. Standing is Perry Greene, Contractor for the Theatre.

It tells of the clash between two systems of government and of society. The old English monarchy is met with a new belief in government by the people; the early feudal economic system is met with a new belief in an agrarian middle class economy where each man had a right to free enterprise; and it tells how the rigid religious beliefs of England and Europe were replaced with a system where all men were free to worship as they pleased.

Horn In The West is a thrilling drama. It portrays the famous Battle of Alamance, in 1771, when the British troops quelled the Regulators in Central North Carolina. It portrays Daniel Boone, John Sevier, and the early settlers of Eastern Tennessee who

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Pictured above is the architects' drawing of the Amphitheatre located just inside the city limits of Boone, N. C. The Theatre's natural surroundings helps to portray the theme of "Horn In The West."

Human Story

Above all, it is a human story of individual men and women, their hopes and dreams, their labor and their inspiration. The play uses early music of the times, both religious and folk songs of the eighteenth century. It has a huge choir of 20 trained voices from the University of North Carolina Glee Clubs, plus a large electric organ. It has over $10,000.00 worth of lighting equipment to flood the handsome three-stage Daniel Boone Amphitheatre with thrilling and dramatic color. The costuming is authentic and colorful, consisting of more than 140 separate costumes for the cast of 70 people. It has Indian and folk dances, religious worship, struggle, glamor, romance, and a deep spirit of consecration. It is this aura of healthy, sound conviction which has made the outdoor drama such a moving force in the American theatre today.

The play at Boone is under the supervision of Samuel Selden, veteran director of **The Lost Colony,** head of the department of dramatic art at the University of North Carolina, and author of numerous nationally-known books on the theatre. Most of the cast members are students of the drama, whose vivid and energetic work make this play alive and sparkling. The Daniel Boone Theatre is located in the city limits of Boone, N. C., in an area of numerous tourist stop-overs and famous tourist spots, such as Blowing Rock and Grandfather Mountain. Located just a few miles off the famous Blue Ridge Parkway, where more than two and one-half million tourists passed last summer, the theatre is at the intersection of U. S. Highways 221, 321, and 421. Reservations and room accommodations are being made through **Horn In The West,** Boone, N. C.

The New York Times this spring commented on the outdoor drama as being one of the new and vigorous forces in the entertainment world.

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Woman's Page

BY MRS. S. C. CLAPP

The Homemaker Is A Business Woman

EVERY homemaker is a business woman. Every homemaker should acquaint herself with business methods, with laws that are for her benefit and her interests. Too often women are left with business matters on their hands that they are not capable nor informed enough to care for properly.

Miss Pauline Gordon, home management specialist of the Extension Service of North Carolina, has given a set of suggestions for the homemaker. Below are listed some of these suggestions.

Business Interests Of Women

The farm wife is a finance partner.

Farm business and farm family living are inseparable. It is essential for the best development of the farm enterprise that the farm woman should not only understand, but also take an active part in the business affairs of the family.

It is not only fair and just that the homemaker take an active part in family business, but it is her duty and responsibility.

Much happiness can be gained, and much sorrow and confusion avoided by the homemaker becoming familiar with general business procedures which affect family living. When a woman knows business methods, the members of her family will have more confidence in her. If people know that a woman is capable and alert in her business dealings, she will receive greater courtesy and consideration in the business world.

Business Responsibilities Of The Homemaker

The goal of economic independence requires:

1. That the homemaker should become familiar with the handling of financial problems.
2. That she should inform herself regarding financial institutions.
3. That she shall know the value of money and the value of services.
4. That she shall be able to interpret both money and services in terms of wealth.
5. That she shall develop a system of household finance by which she can safeguard the resources of the family.

Points Of Making A Will

Every person who has more property than he will probably need for sickness and burial should make a will. This is of vital importance if he wishes his property to be disposed of in a different way from that which is required by state law.

The laws of a State tell us just who will inherit our property, and what part of our property each heir will receive, if no will is provided. In such cases an estate is divided by law.

Wills may be changed by codicil or remade by the maker at any time.

Have your attorney draw your will, because it must be written according to the requirement of the law, in order to be legal.

Here are four points in witnessing a will that must be very carefully carried out in order for the will to be legal:

1. There must be two witnesses, both present at the same time.
2. Both witnesses must see the testator sign the will.
3. Both witnesses must see each other sign as witnesses.
4. Both must sign at the request of the testator.

It is not advisable to have one of the beneficiaries of the will sign as a witness.

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By E. L. Shuford, D.V.M.

Bloat On Cattle And Sheep

TURNING on lush legumes, such as ladino, especially when wet, brings on a bloat problem which is a serious warry to anyone who pastures cattle or sheep. Here are some helpful things to do. Feed hay before opening pasture gate. Turn on grass alone, before letting them go for legumes. Feed corn and corncob meal or ground corn cobs as a preventive. Turn onto legume pasture gradually, and not too early in the morning.

Bloat results from the sudden formation of gas in the rumen or paunch. This accumulation of gas causes pressure on the diaphragm. That results in difficult breathing and may even cause rupture of the diaphragm.

Bloat may occur on any feed, but most cases are seen in animals pastured on early growth of legumes. It seems to be worse when the pasture is succulent and the animals are hungry and thirsty. Some animals are more likely to bloat than others; this may be because they are more greedy. Bloat occurs commonly on pure stands of clover or pastures which carry a high percentage of legumes.

Beef Cattle

Bloat occurs sometimes in beef cattle during the finishing period. Foamy gas increases as the level of corn increases, and the affected animals may show symptoms of nervousness.

Symptoms

The symptoms of bloat vary, but it is usually indicated by a ballooning in the region of the left flank; an uneasiness or nervousness; failure to chew; difficult breathing; moaning, with mouth open and diluted nostrils. There is a great deal of pressure from the gas trapped in the rumen.

Several preventive measures are practiced. Feeding a dry, palatable roughage as cured hay before turning animals on legume pastures is often advisable. The roughage helps stimulate the belching of the gas.

The grazing of grass pastures for a few hours previous to placing them on rich legume pastures is sometimes helpful.

Placing a self-feeder between the pasture and the stock tank may solve the problem. The cattle have a chance to stop and pick up a few mouthfuls of corn and cob meal. After drinking they have another chance at the feeder on their way back to the pasture.

Cutting a few swaths around or through lush legumes is often advisable. This will provide a readily available supply of dry roughage for pasture animals.

Veterinarians treat bloat successfully in various ways. However, emergency treatment must often be given by the owner until the services of a veterinarian can be had. Stockmen may find it advisable to secure some good bloat medicine from their veterinarian and keep it on hand for immediate use.

Prompt Treatment

Prompt treatment generally brings recovery in cattle. In calves and sheep recovery is slower and the death rate is usually higher. In calves under six months of age, this type of indigestion is serious because coarse roughage and foreign substances are not readily expelled from the rumen. Sheep are quite sensitive to the effects of bloat; this may be due to the thinness of the walls of the rumen and the rather weak muscles of this organ in sheep.

Management is an important factor in reducing the amount of bloat and death losses. Many stockmen have gone on for years without a fatality from bloat, and their good management is very likely the reason for their success.

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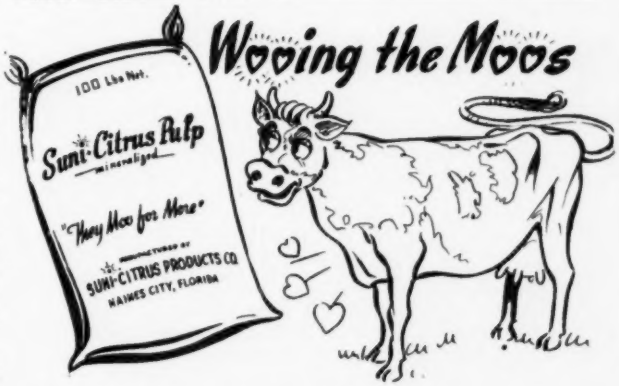

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Now as the changing trend toward better heating systems for homes, the birth of another science child, considered today more important than it ever has before, is enjoying its quarter century birthday — rock-wool insulation. Heating engineers begin to scratch their heads and become seriously concerned over heating problems of our homes as the price of coal and oil increases from year to year, and they were forced to do something about it—

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Flockowner's News

BY GLENN D. HUNT

ARE hatching eggs going to be as high this summer as last? That is the most frequent question asked as we go through the counties visiting flocks. Your guess is probably as good as mine, but here is the way it looks to me. Unless broiler prices rise we can not expect the prices we had last summer. Our broiler producers have been faced with break-even markets and losing markets for months. Any increase in egg price must be reflected in baby chicks prices. All segments of the poultry industry must stay in tilt with each other. Therefore, if our consumers increase their chicken appetite and broiler producers get more then we can expect stronger prices.

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We still have some flock owners carrying their eggs into the house and storing them instead of taking them to the egg-holding room or basement. Where we find this condition existing with poor hatches resulting, we will be forced to make different arrangements. This is entirely negligence and you are breaking your agreement. Every time you let your hatchability drop 2 percent on a case of eggs you cost the hatchery seven chicks which means $1.05 on today's chick markets for the broiler producer. The marginal profit for the producer and hatchery is small so we must be efficient to stay in the business.

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The Country Church With The Lord's Acre Plan

By Rev. Dumont Clarke

The Rural Church Institute At Farm And Home Week

THE attention of all who are interested in the spiritual life of the countryside is called to the Rural Church Institute program to be given in connection with the Annual Farm and Home Week held at North Carolina State College on August 19-20. The evening program on Tuesday, the 19th, will be turned over to the Rural Church Institute and designated as the Rural Church Program. Mr. Wheeler McMillan, Editor of **The Farm Journal,** will be the featured speaker. He is one of the nation's outstanding agricultural editors and speakers and we are fortunate to secure him. Another phase of the program will feature the Beech Cove Methodist Choir from Craven County.

On Wednesday a panel featuring "The Rural Church At Work" will be conducted from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. On this panel Reverend O. V. Caudill will discuss "Church Building"; Dr. R. E. Earp, a member of the Thanksgiving Church in Johnson County, will discuss "Financing The Church's Program"; Reverend Wilson Nesbit will discuss "The Town And Country Cooperation"; Reverend Garland Hendricks will discuss "Extending The Influence Of The Rural Church Through Education"; and "The 4-H Church Sunday Program" will be presented by a 4-H Club member.

Pastors and lay leaders will undoubtedly find that it is immensely worthwhile to be in attendance at these meetings upon the rural church, and at the same time to avail themselves of the many other valuable features of Farm and Home Week. The entire program lasts from August 18 to August 21.

Blessings Received In Using Scripture-Prayer

WE have used the Scripture-Prayer Verse in our Sunday School at Cherry Springs Baptist Church, McDowell County, for the past four or five years. It has been a blessing to us. There are many benefits one receives who daily, continuously and prayerfully uses the Scripture-Prayer Verse, but I shall mention only three outstanding ones.

First, the daily use of the Scripture-Prayer Verse is a means of storing God's Word in one's mind for use in meeting life's situations or problems.

Second, the prayerful use of the Scripture-Prayer Verse is a means of communing with God, speaking to Him and hearing Him speak to us through His Word.

Third, the continuous, daily, prayerful use of the Scripture-Prayer Verse makes one conscious of God's abiding presence.

—A. E. Davis.

Building Funds Aided By Dedicated Work

THE members of the Acton and Oak Hill Methodist Churches, on the Acton charge, had good returns from their Lord's Acre projects last year. The men of the Acton Church carried out a wood project, clearing a woods and selling the lumber to the Champion Fibre Company, which brought $308.54. The children's and ladies' projects, including livestock, flowers and handwork, brought $171.29, making a total for the Church of $479.83. The Oak Hill projects, including livestock, the Lord's Hour gifts and other projects, brought a total of $823.02. In both churches the proceeds from the projects have been applied on the respective building funds.

Scripture-Prayer Verse For July

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10.

THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR SCRIPTURE-PRAYER

IT is of the utmost importance to train ourselves and all church people habitually **to use Scripture from memory** to help meet life-situations in the spirit of Christ. It is of imperative importance, if we are to live on the highest Christian level, not only to memorize Scripture, but also habitually and selectively to **use** it as a medium of prayer.

Just memorizing Scripture is not enough. Let me substantiate this. Over a period of many years, the writer has picked up hundreds of men and boy hitchhikers in the course of travels through 33 states. After a friendly talk to indicate a kindly interest in the rider, the writer has regularly turned to him with a smile, saying: "I always ask my riders to give me a Bible verse in exchange for the ride." It is a startling fact that, though a large proportion have been brought up in Sunday School, the majority cannot give me a single verse of Scripture. And, very significantly, many say: "I learned a lot of Bible verses, but I can't think of one." One boy had recently learned thirty-five verses in a Bible School, but only after long thought could he remember a single one. This inability to recall Scriptures once memorized—except a few very familiar verses— has been found to be true of most church members.

Mr. Clarke

How different it was with the devout Children of Israel who daily and prayerfully **repeated** great teachings of Scripture! How different it was with the intimate disciples of Jesus who memorized Jesus' teachings and **repeated** them reverently to one another! Above all, let us remember the example of Jesus, of whom Dr. Robert E. Speer has written: "In some way Jesus had stored His Bible in His memory. He quotes from all five of the books of Moses and from at least ten other books. The Bible—**from memory**—was His resource in His times of trial, temptation, controversy and suffering."

Therefore, with deeper understanding, let the first sentence of this article be repeated. It is of the utmost importance to train ourselves and all church people habitually **to use Scripture from memory** to help meet life-situations in the spirit of Christ. The Scripture-Prayer devotional folders of the religious department, now in their seventh year of publication, are especially planned to stimulate the habit of prayerfully using memorized Scripture through unison repetition in the Sunday School and through daily use in the homes. It is heartening that these folders are being used by the thousands in many states. A folder will gladly be sent to anyone upon request.

Mrs. O. A. Childers, of Friendship Methodist Church, Burke County, raises flowers as her Lord's Acre project. Her dedicated flowers last year brought $24.75.

Group singing a hymn after the planting of nearly two acres of sweet potato slips for Dana Baptist Church, Henderson County, Rev. M. L. Lewis, pastor.

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